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Inventory No:	EAS.23
Historic Name:	Paine, Seth House
Common Name:	
Address:	1895 State Hwy
City/Town:	Eastham
Village/Neighborhood:	
Local No:	15-120A
Year Constructed:	c 1858
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Greek Revival
Use(s):	Agricultural; Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Agriculture; Architecture
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood Clapboard; Wood; Wood Shingle Foundation: Stone, Cut; Concrete Unspecified



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Town

Eastham



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1895 State Highway

Common Name

Present Residential

Original

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Construction Pre-1858

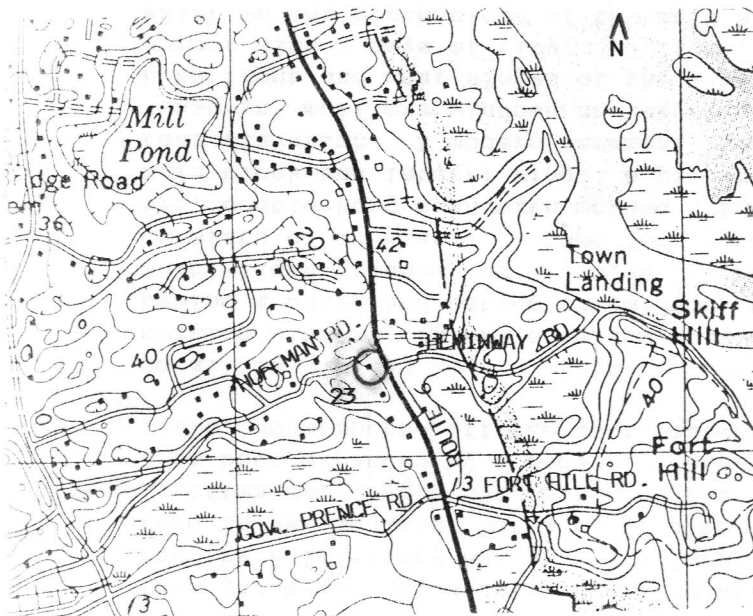
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Form Gable-end, Side-entry with
Lateral Wing

Architect/Builder

Primary Material:

here. Indicate North.



Foundation Cut Stone (Main Block);
Concrete (Side Ell and Rear Addition)

Wall/Trim Clapboard (Facade) and
Shingles (side elevations and rear ell).

Roof Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures
Free-standing, 20th Century Garage; Free-
standing shed.

Major Alterations (with dates)
See Architectural Description..

Condition Good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 2.3 Acres

Recorded by: Dianne L. Siergiej

Organization: Commonweal Collaborative

Date: June 1995

Setting Located at the corner of
Hoffman Lane, in a densely-settled,
mixed-use, but largely residential section
of Route 6, the major, Cape Cod, inter-
community thoroughfare.

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BUILDING FORM

1895 State Highway

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION See continuation sheet.

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

This gable-end, side-entry dwelling with lateral wing is unusual to Eastham for its 2 1/2-story height. Its form with recessed lateral wing is a common form in New England, but a rarer alternate type in Eastham where the side ell is often set at the same plane as the facade of the main block. The house has also been expanded by a modern, 1-story, gable-roofed addition with covered patio, constructed off the southwest corner of the main block.

Detail is limited to end boards, a water table on the facade, boxed, molded cornice with return and a narrow, plain frieze. The main entry is sheltered behind a board and batten storm door, but is enhanced with trabeated trim of multi-light transom and 2/3 side lights with paneled aprons. The rear entry consists of a 6-panel, wooden door with top lights. Fenestration consists of 6/6, double-hung sash with molded trim sided by modern, louvered blinds on the main block and lateral wing. A picture window has been installed on the rear elevation. A modern casement window (south elevation) along with 6/6, "snap-in" mullions windows and sky light are utilized on the rear addition. Both front and rear slopes of the lateral wing are broken by a shed-roofed dormer with 2 bays of tiny, 3/3 light, fixed sash windows. Tall chimneys exist on the north slope of the main block and on the ridge line of the lateral wing.

A free-standing, gable-roofed, 1-bay, garage built in 1930 stands northwest of the house.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE X See continuation sheet.

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

Although a newspaper article in The Cape Codder identifies this as the Isaac Paine House, research by Fred Heller of the Eastham Historical Society traces this property to Rebecca and Seth Paine (d. January 1, 1867).

The latter is listed in Trayser's history as owning a saltworks in Eastham, but none is included in the inventory of his estate. Seth Paine left his house, barn and outbuildings and more than 26 acres of land including: a homestead field, a south field, peat swamp, cranberry bog, salt meadow and woodland to his wife, Rebecca. Besides the \$200 he bequeathed his daughter-in-law, Augusta Paine, Seth Paine willed to his nephew, Micah S. Paine, the "rooms in my house he now occupies" and the field adjacent the dwelling.

Two years later Rebecca Paine transferred the house, outbuildings and about 1.5 acres of land to Micah S. Paine reserving to herself for her lifetime the right to occupy certain rooms in the house, use of the front door, space in the outbuildings and land around the house as necessary for housekeeping. Micah S. Paine, postmaster in Eastham in 1868, was a blacksmith.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES X See continuation sheet.

 Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places;
If checked, see attached National Register Criteria Statement form.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (continued)

On October 8, 1872, Micah Paine purchased a piece of land adjacent to his own from Joshua Paine, his father, for \$80.

"Michael" Paine is listed in the 1901 directory as a farmer. Micah Paine died before 1911. According to notes in the file, his daughter, Alice A. Paine (d. 1937), inherited the property.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Eastham

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